

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant : Giannotta et al.  
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SITE SERINE BETA-LACTAMASE  
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT****Mail Stop Amendment**

Commissioner for Patents

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed from the United States Patent and Trademark Office on February 6, 2009, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.